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"Let them eat cake!" is the way the Pryors thank the Forestry men.

Seven pounds of cake

for seven hours water

Highland, San Bernardino County--Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pryor presented a seven pound fancily decorated cake to the Division of Forestry Highland station personnel for their efforts in removing an estimated 150 gallons of water from the Pryor residence here.

Fire Apparatus Engineer John Matthews and Fireman Mike Fernandez investigated the flooding and determined that an overflowing toilet was the cause. Apparently the toilet had been running for about seven hours before it was discovered.

After approximately four hours work, Matthews and Fernandes succeeded in removing most of the water with a water vacuum, thus preventing further damage.

Fire prevention film series for children

Felton--Location shots in the Santa Cruz Mountains for production of a 10-film series of educational movies about fire prevention was recently concluded under the coordination of Arthur Jaseau of Monterey, fire prevention officer for the Central Coast District of the Division of Forestry.

Based on a 20-minute video series researched and produced by Dr. Frank Gladen of the division's experiment station, the series was modified by Jaseau in conjunction with Larry Filby, a scenarist-cinematographer with the Department of Water Resources Graphics Section. Filby did the scripts, filming and production and was assisted by Vince Arrant as soundman.

The films cover various subjects connected with fires and fire prevention, such as the role of animals living in the forests, influence of weather conditions, protection of trees, water, soils and other related subjects.

Ten week series

Each film is 10 minutes in length and will be released as a 10-week series for children in kindergarten through second

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Ranger John Odgers, of the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Ranger Unit, describes a forest operation to some children from Laurel School in Santa Cruz during the filming of an educational film series for the Division of Forestry. At right are cameraman Larry Filby and soundman Vince Arrant (back to camera) from the Department of Water Resources. Far right is the film's coordinator Arthur Jaseau of Monterey, fire prevention officer for the Central Coast District.

Irene Williams



Clerk Typist Irene Williams of the North Coast District Headquarters office of the Division of Forestry in Santa Rosa was recently presented with her 25 year pin and award by Assistant Deputy State Forester J. C. Denny at a luncheon held in her honor. She has served her entire 25 years in this office as a clerk typist.

Richardson awarded 25 year CDF pin

Susanville--Charles Richardson, ranger for the Division of Forestry in the Sierra Cascade District, was honored here recently for completing 25 years service with the division.

Ranger Greg Wayne presented Richardson with a certificate of recognition and a 25-year pin at a luncheon at the B & B Restaurant here.

Richardson began his career with the division as a firefighter foreman in Lassen County in 1947. Two years later he was promoted to ranger and assigned as chief fire dispatcher for the district office here.

Later he served as ranger in charge of the Fredonyer District of the Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit. Presently he is serving as ranger training instructor at the California Conservation Center here.

During the last six years he was a member of the governing board of Lassen Community College.

Mt. Home timber sale

Visalia--Two million board feet of mixed pine and fir timber from Mountain Home State Forest were sold for a record sum of \$229,805.50 in bids opened here Jan. 23.

Sequoia Forest Industries of Dinuba was awarded the contract.

Forest Manager Dick Schoenheide of Springville reported that this sale recorded the highest total sale figure in state forest history and also set a new stumpage peak with \$125 bid per thousand board feet for both ponderosa and sugar pine types.

Redwoods in the 90 acre cutting area will not be affected.

Donald Conarroe

is pinned

by wife Sydney.



Conarroe honored for 25 years service CDF

Sutter Creek--Donald W. Conarroe, ranger in charge of Sutter Hill Ranger District since 1960, was honored last month for 25 years service with the State Division of Forestry at a luncheon at Bellotti's Restaurant here.

He was awarded a 25-year pin which his wife Sydney pinned on for him during

the award ceremonies.

In addition, Ranger Ted Waddell, of the Amador-El Dorado Ranger Unit, read a letter of special recognition from State Forester Lewis A. Moran commending Conarroe for his accomplishments over the past quarter of a century, including work which led to the successful creation of the Fire Academy at Ione.



Lew Moran has his hands full

State Forester Lewis Moran was on hand, or on both hands that is, to extend his personal greetings to Deputy State Forester Howard E. Moore and Ranger Robert Carey of South Sierra District Headquarters, State Division of Forestry, at a joint 25-year award luncheon held in Fresno in January.

How to transfer within state service

By Richard L. Camilli
State Personnel Board

Sacramento--If you are a permanent or probationary state employee, transfer is one way that you may move to a different position. The position might be in the same class or in a comparable class in your own or a different department.

You may transfer after approval by the appointing power of the department that agrees to employ you. You are required to give your present employer a maximum of 30 day's notice. A request may be granted or denied at the discretion of your prospective employer.

Locating a vacancy

In most cases, the Personnel Board does not maintain a list of vacancies for transfer purposes. It will be your responsibility to locate a vacancy. You should select departments in the area where you wish to work, and either ask for an interview or write for information about employment opportunities.

Arranging for a personal interview, rather than sending a letter, will give you a better chance of obtaining a transfer to a different department. If you wish to request a transfer, but you're not sure about the proper person to contact in the locality where you want to transfer, contact your departmental personnel office for assistance.

Your qualifications

Classes are considered comparable for transfer if the duties and responsibilities are similar and the top rates of the salary ranges are the same or less than two steps higher or lower. If a class has more than one salary range, the lowest salary range for the class is used in making the determination.

A transfer examination may or may

not be required. In most instances, where transfer is to a position in a class in the same occupational group, examinations are not required. If the class to which you are transferring requires a license, certificate, credential, etc., you must possess the required document.

Salary rates

The salary rate upon transfer between departments is determined by the appointing power of the department to which you are transferring.

On transfer to a class with a higher maximum salary, the appointing power may grant an increase in pay, the same salary (if this is a rate in the range for the new class), or any lower rate in the range.

An increase in salary establishes a new salary anniversary date. If you receive no increase, you keep your old salary anniversary date.

Sick leave, vacation, probation

Your sick leave and vacation credits are transferred with you to the new department. The new agency is not obligated to consider a request for transfer, but if the transfer is given, it is mandatory that the agency accept the vacation credits.

Your prior employment history determines whether or not a new probationary period is required after transfer. A new probationary period is required when you transfer to a different department or class than the one in which you serve. This requirement may be waived by the appointing power.

A new probationary period is not required upon transfer to a different position in the same class in the same department.

Roy Colvard

Grandfather of the Year

Auburn--Roy R. Colvard, of Iron Mine Conservation Camp near here, was presented the "Grandfather of the Year" award by Rocklin area Chamber of Commerce recently.

The award announcement was made at the Fourth Annual Directors' Installation Dinner Dance held at the Whitney Ranch National Country Club. Roy Ruhkala, chamber historian, presented Joyce a \$25 savings bond for her efforts and gave Colvard an engraved plaque for being this year's very special Grandfather.

He was nominated by his granddaughter, Joyce Jones, seven years of age and a second grade student at Parker-Whitney Elementary School in Rocklin.

Young Joyce entered the chamber-sponsored contest in December by writing a letter in "50 words or less . . . stating why you think he (your grandfather) should receive this award."

Grandpa the best

Her letter stated: "I think Grandpa is the best: Because he always has time talk and play with us. He is strong and works for Smokey the bear. He brings us driftwood and pine cones from the forest. He works to keep the forest green, so everyone can go camping. I love Grandpa."

To be judged in the contest the letter had to be written by a student of the Rocklin Elementary or Parker Whitney Schools and be about a grandfather who was a resident of Placer County.

Colvard, who lives in Auburn, has been fire crew foreman at Iron Mine since July 1965. He has five children and 13 grandchildren.

CDF foreman breaks car theft ring

Springville, Tulare Co.--Foreman Perry Rhodes of Mountain Home Conservation Camp is credited with breaking up a car theft ring and accounting for the arrest of 13 persons by his alertness while supervising his crew working on the Balch Park road near here recently.

Camp Ranger John Machado reported that Rhodes observed several suspicious appearing individuals arriving in two vehicles at a mountain cabin and later watched them depart in one car. He recorded the license number and investigated the cabin area.

His findings revealed that certain locked doors had been broken and the second automobile involved had been partially stripped and abandoned.

"Authorities were notified and the subsequent arrest of 13 persons involved in a car theft ring was a direct result of information Rhodes had obtained, including the license numbers of both vehicles," Machado related in his official commendation.

Can you identify 'veteran rangers'?



Field district rangers of the CDF's South Sierra District boast the unofficial title of "veteran rangers" by claiming the longest average tenure of state fire service and field supervisory experience among all five field

districts. In the above photo 22 of the 23 Sierra challengers are shown. These men average nearly 25 years of CDF service each, including 17 years in field supervision. How many can you identify?

Impressions of a 'new world' OR We're trying to save the old one.

By Joann Stout Wilson

San Francisco--Microseismic, geodimeter, Alquist-Priolo, epicenter, tiltmeter, quadrangle maps, geodata, Earthquake Council--all this and more was handed to me at the Mines and Geology staff meeting in San Francisco in January.

And it was a new world to me--and before the day was out (and with the help of Wes Bruer, chief of the division, and Mary Hill, geodata officer, who translated the terminology and introduced the geologists), a very fascinating one.

But it was an old world to the men who work in the division and report its progress--an old world of earthquake faults up and down the state--an old world that they are trying to save through the Governor's Earthquake Council.

"There's good news and bad news," Ray B. Hunter, director of the department, stated as an opener.

"You are to be congratulated for your fine work--that's the good news. Now for the bad news--we expect it to continue...we are expected to carry out the council's decisions," he told the group.

Big job, big men

And what a big job it all is--the quadrangle mapping alone is a tremendous job--2.4 days for each map and there are

Film series

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grade. The division will have a planned instructional program with preparation and follow-up material for each film together with workshops and discussions on each topic covered in the various episodes.

Star of the show is San Mateo-Santa Cruz Ranger Jack Odgers who is accompanied, on film, by several children from Laurel Elementary School in Santa Cruz and Boulder Creek School near Felton while he explains how fires can be prevented with care, knowledge and understanding of their causes.

The series, on 16 mm color film, will be put on video tape to be used primarily on closed circuit television in the schools. It will also be made available to educational television channels.

Realistic production

The films are being produced in as realistic, live and spontaneous a manner as possible, says Jaseau. Puppets will be used in portions of the film to introduce the subjects and themes with children acting as participants to give the young viewers an identity. Ranger Odgers will act as the catalyst who brings life to each subject and sequence.

"Filby, through his outstanding ability to grasp the difficult and complicated subjects to be presented, has filmed and artistically put together the finest, most modern and innovative production for the division. It rivals the best of Sesame Street and the Electric Company," Jaseau explained last week.

The series will be completed and released for field use in about a year, Jaseau concluded.

184 of them! This is being done now and will go on, and on and on for well over a year, and so could my story, but we will make it brief today and tell you more in each issue.

Men such as Rudy Strand, Earl Hart, Roger Greensfelder, Bill Wells, and Don Rogers (division's cataloging project--another biggie) talked me out of the journalist's world into the world of faults--the San Andreas, San Jacinto, Calaveras and the Hayward, all major earthquake faults in California.

Then came other considerations--such as the Urban Geology Master Plan described by Tom Gay and the Acoustic Study Pilot Project by Forrest Bacon. Jim Koenig discussed the division's earthquake preparedness plan and answered all questions with good humor.

Bill Clark told of the new *California Earthquake Science Newsletter*, of which I have Volume 1, Number 1 and which is introduced by Romeo R. Martel's words "California, with all thy faults, we love thee still" showing further good humor even in such serious matters.

And so the day went by much quicker than I had expected--Chief Bruer never forgot a name for the introductions--not even all three parts of mine, and Mary never lost patience with my questions or with the fact that *epicenter* was the only technical term I knew when I got to the meeting and therefore overdid its use all day.

Beautiful day

And the day was a beauty in San Francisco--crisp and sunshiny--and as I left the State Bldg. I was still in my "new world" and thought back to the tales my parents and grandparents had told me of the '06 earthquake in that very city and I had goosebumps--it looked so peaceful that Friday, except for the five o'clock traffic, that is!

And I remember San Fernando in '71 (Gordon Oakeshott, who was honored at a retirement dinner that evening, told of his Bulletin on this earthquake which is in galley form now), and I hoped we would be prepared for other quakes, if and when they came, and I wanted to know more--more about geological terms and activities, more about the council and preparedness, and more about the people who gave the division its good name.

So tune in next month and we will explore this new world together.

NEWS FLASH--Point Mugu, Ventura County--an earthquake with its epicenter on the coast about 60 miles from Los Angeles registered 5.75 on the Richter scale (the San Fernando quake of '71 was 6.4) on February 21 (*Communique deadline day*) injuring three persons and smashing windows and merchandise causing several million dollars worth of damage.

Executive staff reorganized

Sacramento--A reorganization of his executive staff has been announced by Director Ray B. Hunter.

The new arrangement provides, in addition to Hunter and Deputy Director Edward N. Gladish, for three assistant directors and a departmental legal counsel.

Alfred S. Roxburgh, who has been assistant director for management services for several years, retains that post. He supervises personnel, budgeting, systems, accounting and service and supply functions.

Gerald E. Newton, who formerly held the title of assistant to the director will also be assistant director. His duties will include specific responsibilities in the area of public information and public affairs. He joined the department in August 1970 as information officer.

Lawrence H. Hustedt, new to the department this year, will also be an assistant director. He will assist the director in several areas, including engineering matters and safety--an element Hunter is particularly desirous of emphasizing.

The departmental legal counsel's duties will also include coordination of the legislative program.

David Stump, appointed last September as program development officer, also is a member of the executive staff.

Department accident rate continues to dive

Sacramento--The Department of Conservation made an outstanding record in reducing vehicle accidents during the last six months of 1972, according to Cassius (Cash) Hooper, safety coordinator.

The rate was 5.29 accidents per million miles driven as against 8.88 for the first half of 1972, 9.41 in 1971 and over 14 in 1969. Since 1969 the rate has dropped yearly and should be well below the state record for last year when the final 1972 report is released.

Division of Forestry personnel contributed greatly to the reduction--their ac-

cident rate was 5.07, less than the departmental 5.29, and much lower than that made by a smaller division.

Forestry's greatest drop was in "backing accidents" with only four backing accidents during the last six months of 1972. There were 27 such accidents for the entire year, but in 1971 there were 33 and in 1970 there were 54.

During the last six months the record was: Department Executive and Management Services--0, Resource Conservation--0, Oil and Gas--4.25, Forestry--5.07, and Mines and Geology--12.93.

Bishop appointed

By Bill Harrington

Fire Prevention & Information Officer

Sacramento--The appointment of Donald R. Bishop to the position of fire prevention officer in charge of fire prevention and law enforcement training in the Division of Forestry was announced recently by State Forester Lewis A. Moran.

A 16-year veteran with forestry, Bishop will direct the division's statewide fire prevention training program including courses in basic and advanced peace officer training and in fire prevention training given at the Division of Forestry's Fire Academy at Ione.

Previous to his appointment and promotion he was the chief fire prevention officer in the division's Sonoma Ranger Unit, headquartered in Santa Rosa. His experience in the prevention and law enforcement program began in 1961 as a patrolman in the Calaveras Ranger Unit, and he has since been a fire prevention officer in the Lake and Sonoma Ranger Units.

Bishop, aged 46 and married, will be located in the State Forester's office here. He replaces Richard E. Diltz who was promoted to chief criminal investigator with the division.

In addition to the academy program, Bishop will plan and coordinate division fire prevention and law enforcement training statewide. His duties include coordination of the academy law enforcement training accredited with San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton.

Bishop will also coordinate the law enforcement training and POST Certification program with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

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Forestry 25-Year Club

to meet April 14-15

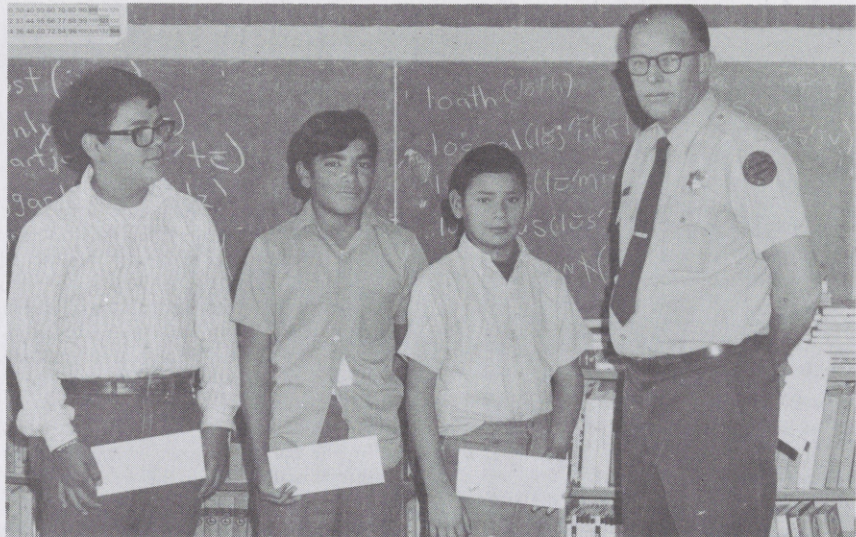
Fresno--The California Forestry 25-Year Club will hold its annual dinner meeting and get-together the weekend of April 14-15 at the Watertree Inn here.

President Sam Garza announced that the club will again host the popular informal reception and reunion from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by steak dinner and the official business session in the Yosemite Room.

Members attending for the first time will be presented with miniature rocking chairs during the business meeting.

On Sunday directors will meet in the executive dining room at 9 a.m. while members gather for a menu-selected brunch from 9 to 11 a.m. in the adjacent restaurant area.

Eligible CDF veterans are invited to join by sending \$2.50 annual dues to Dick Ford, secretary-treasurer at 4657 E. Madison, Fresno 93702.



Three Alpaugh youngsters received official praise recently, and local and state CDF awards, for their prompt extinguishment of a house fire adjacent to the Alpaugh

schoolgrounds in January. Tulare Ranger John Miller made the presentation before the student body commending their teamwork, efficiency and safety-consciousness.

Two new members for Mining, Geology Board

Sacramento--Governor Reagan announced recently the appointments of L. LeRoy Crandall of La Canada and Donald A. Woolfe of Belmont to the Mining and Geology Board and the reappointment of two members.

Reappointed to the board were Clarence R. Allen, Ph.D., and professor of geology and geophysics at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, and Karl V. Steinbrugge, head of the earthquake department of the Pacific Fire Rating Bureau of San Francisco.

Crandall, 56, heads his own engineering firm in Los Angeles. Woolfe, 37, is the planning director of San Mateo County. Dr. Allen, 47, and Steinbrugge, 54, were both appointed originally in 1969.

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Mountain Rescue Team gets appreciation

By Terry Bennett

Angels Camp--The Calaveras Mountain Rescue Team assisted in the location and evacuation of six persons already this year.

On Jan. 21, at the request of the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department, the ten man rescue team centered near here proceeded to the Cherry Lake area in search of the missing group, which was last known to be proceeding by jeep along Cottonwood Road.

The party, which included two women and a 14-month-old baby, had mired their vehicles in the mud and were forced to spend the night in the Crocker Ridge area approximately 12 miles southeast of Tuolumne.

The missing six had just managed to free themselves and were driving out when the rescue team made contact with them. Despite the snow and freezing temperatures during the night, and there being only one blanket among them, all were in

Salary increases restored

Sacramento--The State Personnel Board has voted to restore the one percent salary increase to those classes of state employees whose salary increases were reduced last summer by action of the Federal Pay Board.

The additional pay increase, which was recommended by Gov. Reagan after President Nixon abolished the Federal Pay Board in January, became effective Jan. 31 and was reflected in the employee's February paychecks.

All departmental civil service and CSEA employees with monthly salaries over \$499 will receive the increase. Those civil service employees with monthly salaries of less than \$499, that were granted the 1% increase retroactive to July 1, 1972, will not receive the raise in pay.

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good health.

They reported they had bent a torsion bar on one of the jeeps and the second vehicle had become stuck when they tried to use it to move the damaged one.

Thank you letter

The following is a thank-you letter to the rescue team from the family who requested the search.

January 22, 1973

Ecology Corps Men:

Gentlemen we wish to say "thank you" for your services on January 21 when you were called on to rescue our six children that were forced to spend the night on Crocker Ridge.

A lot of pressure was relieved when we learned that you were available. You were a feeling of security when the search began and a very welcome sight to all our children.

You helped make it possible for our Little Lisa to call out "Papa" on that mountain. Thanks fellas for being there when we needed you.

Sincerely,

Mildred and Roy Bell
of Hughson

Jamieson celebrates 37 years CDF service



William Jamieson and his wife admire his new golf cart given to him at his retirement dinner in Eureka recently.

Eureka--William Jamieson, who recently retired as ranger after 37 years service with the California Division of Forestry, was guest of honor at a retirement party and dinner dance held at the Eureka Inn in December with more than 200 of his friends and fellow workers in attendance.

His last post was the Humboldt-Del Norte Ranger Unit. He left with an accumulation of 2620 hours of sick leave remaining on his record.

He was presented with some beautiful gifts including a redwood burl coffee table, a retirement badge and a golf cart for his spare time enjoyment.

He and Mrs. Jamieson will continue to live in Fortune.

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Susanville center to remain open

Susanville--Although California Conservation Center will probably remain in operation, the plan to shift some training activities to the center at Jamestown is still effective and, hence, the affect on the Division of Forestry remains unchanged.

The Susanville center was scheduled to close April 1. At the same time some training activities were to go to Sierra center at Jamestown and this would--and still will--involve CDF personnel assigned to the training program at Susanville.

Antelope Conservation Camp, at the Susanville center, was not directly affected by the earlier closure announcement and this is still true in the new plan to keep Susanville open.

Director Ray Procunier of the Department of Corrections said he needs to retain the Susanville minimum-security facility due to anticipated program changes transferring all mentally ill penal code commitments and mentally disordered sex offenders from state hospitals to his department.

Control and Treatment

Procunier said that his department has been working with the Department of

Mental Hygiene on plans to improve the control and treatment of patients committed to state mental programs by criminal courts and that such plans would involve the transfer of Atascadero State Hospital from mental hygiene to corrections. Atascadero currently has some 1,250 mentally ill offenders.

He explained that approximately 800 remaining penal code commitments currently in other state hospitals would be transferred to medical-psychiatric centers at the California Medical Facility, Vacaville, the California Men's Colony, San Luis Obispo, and by opening the never-used former California Youth Authority facility at Chino as a treatment center.

Procunier said that the Susanville facility would be needed as a substitute for the Chino center, which was previously slated for use as a reception-guidance center for pre-sentencing evaluation.

Long-term retention of Susanville is dependent upon passage of enabling legislation to permit transfer of mentally ill offenders from mental hygiene to corrections.

Open enrollment for health benefits plans

Sacramento--Open enrollment for health benefits plans available to employees under the State Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Program will be held open until March 12, 1973, according to the Departmental Personnel Office.

This enrollment period started Feb. 22 and the effective date of any enrollments or change of enrollments will be April 1, 1973.

During the open enrollment period eligible employees of the Department may enroll or change their enrollment in a basic and/or major medical plan regardless of pre-existing illness and without physical examination.

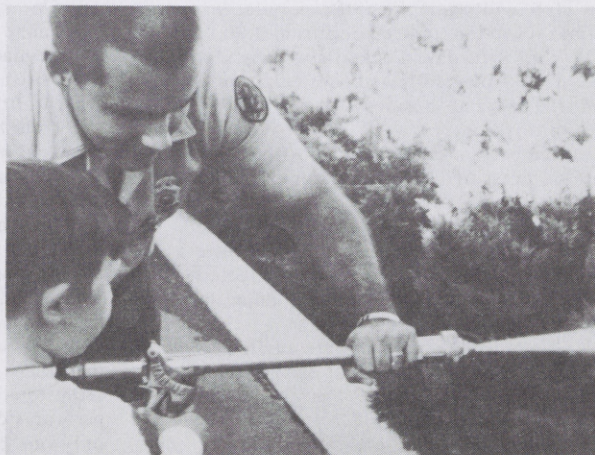
Any one or a combination of the following changes may be made during the "Open Enrollment Period":

- 1 — From not enrolled to enrolled

- 2 — From one basic health plan to another basic plan
- 3 — From self only to self and family
- 4 — From self and family to self only
- 5 — To add the appropriate major medical plan to your current basic plan, to enroll in the appropriate major medical plan when changing from one basic plan to another plan or to delete your major medical plan.

For additional information or assistance, employees should contact their reporting unit personnel clerk.

A lesson in fire-fighting for Derek Etheridge, 6 years old, is conducted by John West, fireman for CDF assigned to Mid-Valley Fire District, Fresno, in conjunction with the recent Fire Prevention Day and Poster Coloring Contest sponsored by Fireman's Fund American Insurance Company. Jon A. Sweeny, battalion chief of the Mid-Valley Fire Protection District presented the awards and helped visitors enjoy a close look at the "real live fire engine" provided by his district.



Safety conscious:

Shirley O'Bannon



Forestry firing range ear muffs found special application in deadening the clatter of the addressograph machine on safety conscious operator Shirley O'Bannon of South Sierra District Headquarters in Fresno. Ear protectors have never looked better.

Praise for fire fighting units

Sonora--Directors of the nine-county Golden Chain Council have extended official praise to all fire fighting groups for curtailed fire losses last year in Mother Lode counties.

This action was taken here recently in recognition of massive cooperative efforts of public and volunteer organizations, the fire services, and the general public residing and visiting the region during the past "dangerous fire season."

The resolution cited the success of large scale group action, expressing "hopes that in succeeding years we may keep California free from disastrous fires."

Directors also praised the cooperation between the various fire fighting units, saying "fire prevention education, the use of modern equipment, and the cooperation of the many fire fighting organizations" have all played a part in holding fires to a minimum.

"The many fire fighting organizations emphasized fire prevention by asking owners to remove combustible materials from inside or near any structures. The California State Division of Forestry and the United States Forest Service stationed airplanes and helicopters in strategic points to dump fire retardants. They also provided other equipment such as tankers, bulldozers, and other mechanized apparatus which was used extensively and was available at all times," read the report.

Besides praising the CDF and the Forest Service, the council specifically commended fire suppression help given by the California Youth Authority.

Examination calendar

Division of Forestry

Class

Final
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Forestry graduate trainee

March 16

Division of Mines & Geology
Division of Oil & Gas
Division of Resource Conservation
Executive & Management Services

No examinations scheduled with a final
filing date of March 1, 1973, or later.

Secretarial task force formed

Sacramento--A task force of secretaries has been formed to review the methods used in preparing correspondence and related activities within the Department of Conservation.

Assistant Director Gerald E. Newton, who appointed the group, charged it with developing a uniform approach to handling letters, memoranda and other material.

Carol Thomas, secretary to the chief

of the Division of Resource Conservation, will be task force coordinator. Sharon Main, information office secretary, will be the committee secretary.

Other participants include: Management Services--Doris McCoy, Judy Niedzwiedz, Tooie Stoner, Gladys Twogood; Mines & Geology--Mary Louise Burgess; Oil & Gas, Irene Martin; Forestry--Betty Bratcher, Ruth Hunter and Mary Nenno.

Foresters hear about forest law urgency

Redding--State Forester Lewis A. Moran addressed the Society of American Foresters, Wynton Chapter, at Redding in January regarding the direction of proposed forest practice legislation.

High and conflicting land use demands are a result of the tremendous increase in population in California, according to Moran. Although foresters tend to have been overlooked in making recent decisions regarding land use management, the Society of American Foresters is now doing a better job of infusing principles of good forest management into these decisions.

Moran traced the development of the Forest Practice Act from its inception in 1945 through several amendments and improvements up until 1971 when portions of the act were found unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court. Three bills to create a new Forest Practice Act died in committee at the close of the 1972 legislature.

He explained that Sen. Nejedly has submitted a bill, known as SB 5, for the 1973 legislature which embodies provisions to balance the various approaches used in last year's bills. (Ed. note: SB 5 has since passed the Senate's Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee and gone to the Senate Finance Committee). The Board of Forestry is acting now under

emergency provisions.

A question and answer period followed the talk.

Jess Graves, former ranger of the Shasta Ranger Unit, was an honored guest at the gathering.

LETTERS

As ranger unit administrative officer, I have been deprived the privilege of getting out on the fireline as much as I used to.

Maybe that is why I was surprised to read in the First Quarterly Management Report, on page 8, under the heading of "Safety," the following comment:

"Several station crews were found to be violating many safety rules as well as ecology corpsmen." Please clarify.

K. R. Goings, state forest ranger Amador-El Dorado Ranger Unit, Camino (Ed. Note: Sorry 'bout that, but we make enough of our own kind of mistakes without taking the blame, or trying to clarify, that kind in another publication. We are happy to hear from this unit, however, and would be pleased to consider letters, humorous or otherwise, from employees of other ranger units, or from other divisions in the Department of Conservation.)

Personnel transactions

Division of Forestry

Transfers--Eddie R. Hogg to Humboldt RU; Alonzo B. Kendall to Mendocino RU; Edward L. Hatfield to Lassen-Modoc RU; Vaughn Tripp to Rainbow CC; Sisto Garcia to Parlin Fork CC; Mary Kerwood to Mendocino RU; James W. Stoughton to Chamberlain Creek CC.

Promotions--Frank B. Lewis to FPO II - San Benito-Monterey RU; Travis Winton to FAE - Madera-Mariposa RU; Darold A. Downing to FPO IV - North Coast Hdqts.; Donald R. Bishop to FPO IV - Fire Prevention Section, State Forester's Office; Glenn Sekins to FAE - Orange RU; John H. Bogle, III, to FAE - Riverside RU; James A. Taylor to FAE - Riverside RU; Leonard A. Wingo to FAE - Riverside RU; William R. Barnes, Jr., to FAE - Riverside RU; Wayne Snow to Account Clerk II - Riverside RU; Nobel L. Roripsugh to FCF - Inyo Ecology Center; John M. Wiseman to FAE - Nevada-Yuba-Placer RU; Sandy Natt, Jr., to FCF - Chamberlain Creek CC.

Appointments--Donald H. Uhl - to HFEO - Chamberlain Creek CC; Ronald K. Flewelling, Fireman, CDF - Tuolumne-Calaveras RU; Daniel C. Bowman, Gary G. Shults, Jeff D. Turner, Robert P. Rose, all Fireman, CDF - Fresno RU; Charles W. Bryant to FAE - Riverside RU; Clyde D. Thompson, Fireman, CDF - San Diego RU. Russell C. Skinner to FAE - Orange RU; Donlad R. Brown, Michael H. Burnett, Ralph K. Compton, David H. Coop, Timothy E. Dunlap, Richard G. Fulton, Steven R. Garrett, Thomas J. Jacquot, Joel C. Johnson, Darrell A. Kelley, Charles W. Stewart, Richard C. Tice, Ralph M. Titus, Kenneth P. Twardowski, Michael F. Williams, George J. Zay, Jr., all Fireman, CDF - Orange RU.

Separations--Leroy S. Fuller, HFEO - Nevada-Yuba-Placer RU; Larry G. Matney, Fireman, CDF - Fresno RU; Bobby W. Bolinger, Fireman, CDF - Fresno RU; Virgile A. Caldwell, FAE - Tulare RU; Howard O. Brant, Captain - Tulare RU; Henry F. Sechrist, FAE - Tulare RU; Carl Seaman, FCF - Mt. Bullion YCC; Richard S. Timboe, Fireman, CDF - Orange RU; Helen Mace, Steno II - Mendocino RU.

Retirements--Drexel H. Agner, FAE - Tehama-Glenn RU; Al Benes, FAE - South Sierra District; Virgil O. Swett, FCF - South Sierra District; Joseph R. McIntyre, Assistant Civil Engineer - Southern California District.

Leaves of Absence--Gary Mugavero, FAE - Riverside RU; Richard B. White, FAE - Tulare RU; Stephen A. Ruffino, Captain - San Mateo-Santa Cruz RU.

Reinstatements--William A. Fowler, Captain - Butte RU; Robert L. Wick, FCF - Eel River CC; Wayne Hunter, FCF - Chamberlain Creek CC; Michael J. Murphy, FAE - Orange RU; Aciano L. Avila, Fireman, CDF - Orange RU; Laurence O. Hunter, Jr., Fireman, CDF - Orange RU.

Goodier discusses balancing resources

Berkeley--Robert D. Goodier, chief of the division of resource conservation, spoke at a symposium on population and public policy at the University of California here early last month on *Balancing Resources and Population--Land Resources*.

Highlight of his address was the point that while there is apparently sufficient land area for the world's expanding population, there is only 10 to 20 percent of the earth's land that is suitable for agricultural production.

Sacramento--Personnel of the Division of Resource Conservation have been gathering data to be used for the secretary of resources' report to the legislature next month on the impact of present and future disbursements to the counties and school districts for lost local tax revenues of lands assessed as open space.

Early last month Don Jackson and Ernest Moberg toured the flood and debris ravished Capay Valley in Yolo County to photograph and document drainage that occurred as the result of heavy rains falling on last summer's burn area.

Fred Montgomery attended a conference in Woodland the end of January which introduced interested people to the report "Soil Survey of Yolo County." The making of the survey and how the report may be used was presented by local, state and federal officials.

Herb Iwahiro and Moberg toured the Hungry Hollow Watershed in Yolo County during the peak of the flood earlier in January and documented areas of flooding and damage by taking numerous photographs.

Robert D. Goodier, chief of the division, spoke recently at the "Last Acre Ceremony" which ended the field work for the comprehensive soil survey for Contra Costa County.

Oil and Gas

Promotions--Robert L. Johnson to Supervising Geological Draftsman - Sacramento; Alfred J. Zucca to Geological Draftsman - Sacramento.

Appointments--Jeffery S. Fong, Drafting Aid I - Sacramento; Barbara W. Lee, Drafting Aid I - Sacramento; Marguerite Thompson, Stenographer II - Sacramento; Arlene J. Childers, Account Clerk II - Bakersfield; Pamela K. Gallegos, Clerk Typist II - Bakersfield.

Mines and Geology

Promoted--C. Forrest Bacon to Associate Geologist - Sacramento; Allan G. Barrows, Jr., to Associate Geologist - Los Angeles.

Appointments--Donald R. Anderson, Delineator - San Francisco; Jane Y. Venzant, Clerk Typist - Los Angeles.

Resource Conservation

Promotions--Carol Thomas to Secretary I - Sacramento.

Appointments--Kathleen Hewitt, Clerk Typist II - Sacramento.

Transfers--Marsha G. Sanchez to Department of Water Resources.

Executive

Appointments--Marsha Ditzen, Clerk Typist II, Personnel Office - Sacramento.

Transfers--Gerogia Hannel to Department of Rehabilitation - Santa Barbara.

Retirement Party March 10

San Bernardino--A retirement party honoring Thomas G. Bryan, operations officer for the Division of Forestry in San Bernardino County, is scheduled for Saturday, March 10.

It will be held at El Rancho Verde Country Club in Rialto. Those interested in attending should contact Richard G. Hannum, of the CDF, at 882-1227 in San Bernardino.

A message from the director

Safety Program

The Governor's Safety and Rehabilitation Program has challenged each state department to meet a lost-time injury goal by the end of 1975. Our department's goal is an injury rate of 13.4 lost-time injuries per million exposure hours. At the present time our rate is 23.3.

As you can see this leaves us with quite a challenge that can only be accomplished if every manager and supervisor dedicates himself to seeing to it that operations are carried out in a safe manner.

This has to start with me. With such commitment on my part, I must hold each division chief responsible and accountable for improvement in the area of accident prevention. I am not so much concerned with meeting a goal, as I am in seeing a consistent downward trend in our accident-injury rates.

In talking to our departmental safety coordinator, Cash Hooper, I am convinced we can do much better than has been the case. It is only when line managers and particularly first line supervisors get thoroughly involved in preventing accidents that success is realized.

Hopefully, at the end of 1974 we will have statistics to

prove we have all cooperated in reducing needless accidents and injuries.

Support for SB 5

I urge Division of Forestry personnel to do whatever they can to encourage support of permanent forest practice legislation. I favor SB 5, by Sen. John Nejedly.

SB 5 is designed to meet the needs of all the people of California--its context favors no particular group, faction or special interest, but stresses equality to conservationist, recreationist and property owner alike.

California's forests, the mainstay of our natural resources, are instrumental in controlling the quality of water we drink, the air we breathe and provide habitat for fish and wildlife and recreational areas for untold thousands.

In summary, SB 5 provides the kind of forest practice legislation that can provide the right balance. It is the right bill at the right time.

Ray B. Hunter